

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS WITH STATES GOVERNMENTS AND NTPC

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to make the States more responsible and ensure financial viability of their projects, the Union Government have decided to initiate joint venture projects with state Governments and National Thermal Power Corporation as partners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 14 States have already agreed to sign the agreements and more States are expected to follow suit;

(d) if so, the States that have signed the agreement; and

(e) the time by which this joint venture projects are likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : The development of power projects through joint ventures between National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and State Power Utilities has been one of the suggestions for accelerating the power capacity addition programme.

NTPC and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 12.7.2002 for establishing a 1000 MW coalbased power project at Ennore in Tamil Nadu as Joint Venture, subject to technocommercial feasibility and bankability of the project etc. This is the only joint venture that has been conceived till now.